

buying seed. We had some flour and bacon which we commenced to distribute about the 1st of October. This was only a two weeks rations. The members of the committee got their part of it. The largest amount any one person received was \$35. The committee has charged nothing for their expenses. About thirty per cent. of the land will not be cultivated this year in my precinct. It is caused by reason of the tenant farmers having left the country. Labor is a little higher than it was before. Day labor is probably fifteen to twenty per cent. higher; monthly labor about \$2 per month. J. M. Pinckney instructed the committee to distribute the seed only to the destitute. We asked him who the destitute were, and he told us to determine this question for ourselves. Some of the landowners are in a very bad shape. The tenants did not make any crop last year, and of course had their whole year's supplies for nothing and at the expense of the landlords. This was the same way in 1899 when the crops were destroyed by the floods.

J. M. Pattison, of Pattison, Waller county, testified as follows:

We received in all \$1425—\$1000 from the Governor and \$425 from Mr. Bemus, of Brookshire. We have expended the sum of \$1160.24, as is shown by the report handed to the committee here. I have now on hand \$264.76, and it is the desire of the committee to use this amount for building and repairing of the school building. We have written to the Governor in regard to this matter and we are now holding the money until we get his instructions. The Brookshire committee received all the supplies and seed. I own 700 acres of land, all in cultivation, and I am going to cultivate 400 acres of it. My brother has 600 acres in cultivation and he will only be able to cultivate 100 acres of it. Eighteen of my tenant houses were blown down to the ground. My principal damage was from the storm and some from high water. I did not lose \$100 worth of cotton in the storm, because the boll weevil had already destroyed it. I think that relief from taxation would be the best relief that the State could afford us. The farmers cannot leave their farms, but some of them have not enough to eat until next fall, caused by the three crop failures. The large farmers have not paid their taxes. I suppose that about twenty-five per cent. of the taxes have been paid.

Dr. J. S. Davidson, of San Felipe, Austin county, testified as follows:

There is no work in our immediate neighborhood except farm work. All the support that the tenant farmers are get-

ting is that of the landlords and what they can help themselves. Some of them went off this summer and picked cotton and saved a little money. A few of them saved enough to get along up to this time, but from now on they will have to depend upon the landlords to supply them. The landlords are in about the same condition that the tenants are in. Year before last they supplied the tenants, and did it again last year, both crops being destroyed by the boll weevil, flood and storm. The whole sale merchants are not able to furnish us any supplies. We have not paid them in two years; they cannot carry us any longer. The men that own the land are in a worse position than any of them. It is impossible to borrow money on real estate. It would be very essential that the taxes be remitted or at least stayed until fall. I have been practicing medicine for the past two years and have not made enough to pay for the drugs that I have furnished. There are very few that are working their land with hired labor. The prices for labor are about the same. If any help is afforded by the Legislature it ought to be placed in judicious hands to be distributed. If you give a negro a month's rations it would not last him a week, but if it is dished out to him in short rations it would be better. About one-half of the land that was in cultivation last year will be cultivated this year.

FORTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Monday, March 25, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem. Miller in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present—18.

Grinnan.	Potter.
Hanger.	Savage.
Harris of Bexar.	Sebastian.
James.	Staples.
Johnson.	Swann.
Lloyd.	Turney.
Miller.	Wheeler.
Patterson.	Wilson.
Paulus.	Yett.

Absent—13.

Beaty.	Goss.
Davidson of	Harris of Hunt.
DeWitt.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	McGee.
Galveston.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.

Stafford.
Wayland.

Turner.

Senator Grinnan moved a call of the Senate for the purpose of securing a quorum, which call being duly seconded, the roll was called, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present—18.

Grinnan.	Potter.
Hanger.	Savage.
Harris of Bexar.	Sebastian.
James.	Staples.
Johnson.	Swann.
Lloyd.	Turney.
Miller.	Wheeler.
Patterson.	Wilson.
Paulus.	Yett.

Absent—13.

Beaty.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	McGee.
DeWitt.	Neal.
Davidson of	Odell.
Galveston.	Stafford.
Goss.	Turner.
Harris of Hunt.	Wayland.
Dibrell.	

It being apparent that a quorum was not in Austin,

Senator Turney moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to telegraph the absentees to appear at the bar of the Senate at the earliest possible moment.

The motion prevailed.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Patterson, the Senate, at 10 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Pro Tem. Miller in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present—19.

Grinnan.	Savage.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
Harris of Bexar.	Staples.
James.	Swann.
Johnson.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
Miller.	Wheeler.
Patterson.	Wilson.
Paulus.	Yett.
Potter.	

Absent—12.

Beaty.	Davidson of
Davidson of	Galveston.
DeWitt.	Dibrell.

Goss.	Neal.
Harris of Hunt.	Odell.
Lipscomb.	Stafford.
McGee.	Turner.

It again being apparent that a quorum was not and would not today be in Austin,

On motion of Senator Potter, the Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to again telegraph the absentees to appear before the bar of the Senate tomorrow morning to make a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the Senate, at 3:15 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Tuesday, March 26, 1901.
Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Pro Tem. Miller in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present—27.

Beaty.	Potter.
Davidson of	Savage.
Galveston.	Sebastian.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Goss.	Staples.
Grinnan.	Swann.
Harris of Bexar.	Turner.
James.	Turney.
Lipscomb.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Wheeler.
Miller.	Wilson.
Patterson.	Yett.
Paulus.	

Absent—7.

Davidson of	Johnson.
DeWitt.	McGee.
Hanger.	Neal.
Harris of Hunt.	Odell.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McKnight, of the Hyde Park Church, Austin.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Wayland, the same was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Paulus presented the following:

Cistern, Texas, March 10, 1901.

To Hon. D. A. Paulus, Senator, Austin.

DEAR SIR: We, the undersigned colored citizens of Fayette county, State of Texas, do hereby petition you to use your